



# **ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **ESMBA Coronavirus statement 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Under the latest Government lockdown rules, amateur sports are not permitted. So, for the period of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 all 'Safe Bowls' certificates are temporarily suspended.

NO Short Mat Bowls clubs may open during this period.

Although it seems a long month, the ESMBA will continue to look at its route map during this time and will be developing new protocols for more competitive bowls once these latest restrictions are lifted. With this in mind we strongly recommend that Clubs continue to submit applications for 'Safe Bowls' as the importance of being ready to restart cannot be overstated. We will also continue to lobby the DCMS to look at allowing safe bowls to resume.

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On behalf of the ESMBA Management Committee